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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

Detroit Legal News: Law Day comes early to Midland: State high court to visit April 17

"'Law Day' — the annual May 1 celebration of the rule of law in the United States — is coming early to Midland this year, with the April 17 visit of the Michigan Supreme Court. The Court will hold oral argument at the Midland Center for the Arts on April 17 [as part of its "Court Community Connections" program]. The program is aimed principally at educating high school students about the Court and Michigan's justice system."

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Also see:

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The Detroit News: State court holds hearing for Wayne Co. judge accused of perjury; Penalty issued in divorce case by judicial commission

"The Michigan Supreme Court heard arguments Thursday in a Judicial Tenure Commission complaint against [Wayne County Circuit Judge Deborah Ross Adams who is] accused of lying under oath and signing her divorce lawyer's name to legal documents without permission."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

WXYZ-TV(7)/Detroit: Judicial watchdog wants Wayne County judge taken off bench; judge pushes back

[Full story](#)

Ethics charges against Wayne County judge to be heard by Michigan Supreme Court in oral arguments this week

[Press release](#)

Detroit Free Press: Man to get new sentence in Michigan girl's slaying

"A young man convicted of fatally stabbing a teenage girl in Michigan's northern Lower Peninsula and burying her in a sand pile will get a new sentence, according to the state Court of Appeals."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Free Press: Greek culture has a new home in Midtown

"... The museum -- which celebrates Greek history and culture in the region and state -- is in [Karla Scherer's] grandparents' historic home, the Scherer House on Kirby Street, where in the basement her father invented the machine for the manufacture of soft gelatin capsules. The museum's mission also holds a special place because her late husband, Michigan Supreme Court Justice Theodore Souris, was the state's only Greek-American justice."

[Full story](#)

The Detroit News: West Bloomfield Twp. grandma who killed grandson seeks short sentence

"A defense attorney for a 75-year-old West Bloomfield Township woman convicted in her grandson's May 18, 2012, death is asking an Oakland Circuit judge to deviate from potential sentencing guidelines next week and sentence his client to no more than three years in prison. Sandra Layne, 75, is to be sentenced

Thursday for second-degree murder in the death of Jonathan Hoffman, 17, fatally shot during an argument with Layne."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Detroit Free Press: Woman who killed grandson to ask for 1-year prison sentence

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Detroit Legal News: Justice Kelly to receive WLAM's Coleman Award

"After 24 years, Justice Marilyn Kelly recently retired from the Supreme Court. She was Chief Justice from 2009-2011. In 2010, she and James L. Ryan, senior judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit, established the Michigan Judicial Selection Task Force."

[Full story](#)

Hometown Life Newspapers: High court will hear appeal; Confession suppression at issue in Green Oak death

"The Michigan Supreme Court has agreed to hear an appeal of a Livingston County Circuit Court judge's decision to suppress a murder suspect's alleged confession. In an order released April 3, the court agreed to hear arguments appealing Judge David Reader's decision to suppress murder suspect George Robert Tanner's alleged confession to strangling and burning the body of a 40-year-old Lyon Township man."

[Full story](#)

Hometown Life Newspapers: Double duty ends for GC Judge Hammer

"Judge Richard Hammer Jr. is no longer doing double duty as chief judge, overseeing the Garden City and Inkster District Courts. As of April 3, Hammer returned full time as chief judge of the 21st District Court in Garden City [with the Supreme Court's appointment of Sabrina Johnson as chief judge of the 22nd District Court in Inkster]."

[Full story](#)

Hometown Life Newspapers: County Clerk, Circuit Court praised for e-file success

"Both Wayne County Clerk Cathy M. Garrett and the Third Judicial Circuit Court have been granted a highly-revered order by the Michigan Supreme Court for delivering an innovative and effective e-filing system to Wayne County's legal community."

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Hometown Life Newspapers: Court thanks

Court Administrator Dave Walsh writes "On behalf the judges and staff of the 47th District Court, I want to recognize and thank the ownership and management at the Farmington Fitness 19 for partnering with us on our Sobriety Court program."

[Full story](#)

Grand Rapids Press: Judge has stern words for Baptist church bookkeeper accused of stealing thousands

"The parents of Gerolanita Bailey referenced a comforting bit of scripture as they reminded Kent Circuit Judge Dennis Leiber in a letter that the 'Lord's tender mercies are over all his works.' Though that may be true, embezzling thousands of dollars from a Grand Rapids church is anything but a tender idea, Leiber said, as he spoke to Bailey in court on Thursday, April 11."

[Full story](#)

Jackson Citizen Patriot: Jackson County District Court comes to Jackson Community College for real, live legal lessons

"Emily Doerr is set to graduate from Jackson Community College this month with her associate's degree in law enforcement. She's going to Michigan State University in the fall, and after that plans to go to law school. But before Thursday, April 11, Doerr, a 2011 Lumen Christi High School graduate, had never been in a courtroom."

[Full story](#)

Macomb County Legal News: New Supreme Court justice scheduled to address students

"Justice David Viviano, the newest appointee to the Michigan Supreme Court, will be the keynote speaker for the Professionalism in Action Orientation at Cooley Law School's Auburn Hills campus. The event, which will be held on Tuesday, April 30 from 3:30-5:30 p.m., will begin with Viviano speaking on ethics and professionalism in the legal profession."

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Oakland County Legal News.

The MiLW Blog: In their opinions: A circuit judge's take on Court of Appeals oldies but goodies

"... The parties disputed whether a tenant who quit the premises could be held liable for additional rent for the period in which the landlord made repairs that were allegedly the tenant's responsibility."

[Full story](#)

The MiLW Blog: At sentencing for machine gun, suspended Owosso attorney admits to helping bury missing woman

"A suspended Owosso attorney who was sentenced on federal machine gun charges told a federal judge that he helped a suspected killer bury a 23-year-old woman's body on a Swartz Creek-area farm more than seven years ago."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Schostak wins key court ruling in Wells Fargo case

"A new law prevents a bank from trying to collect more than \$2 million from a developer who is the brother of the chairman of the Michigan Republican Party, a state appeals court said in a decision released Wednesday."

[Full story](#)

The Oakland Press: Sentencing for Pontiac double murder conviction postponed six weeks

"... As co-defendant Arnold Howard, 23, was prepared to be sentenced for two convictions of second-degree murder of two Pontiac women in February 2012, Judge Denise Langford Morris adjourned the case. 'We could proceed to sentencing, but we have a new case that's been released by the Michigan Court of Appeals ... it doesn't pertain to this defendant, but it does pertain to the co-defendant,' said Langford Morris, who presided over the case."

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